REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-35 were originally presented.

Claims 1, 8, 13, 18, 23, 24, 29, 32, and 34 are currently amended.

Claims 16-17 and 27 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 36 and 37 have been added.

Claims 1-15, 18-26, and 28-37 remain in this application.

Examiner Interview

A telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Ellen Tran and Emmanuel Rivera on August 22, 2006. The interview addressed the 112 rejections of the Actions and amendments to the claims to overcome the cited references. After review of the amended claims, it was indicated that the claims as amended overcome the references. Furthermore, new claims 36 and 27 include elements not taught in the references. A request for continued examination will be provided with this response.

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CONCLUSION

All pending claims 1-15, 18-26, and 28-37 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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